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Calendar

Fri., Mar. 19	Film Society, Town Hall, <i>The Commitments</i> ; Irish dinner, 7 pm; movie, 8 pm; April <i>Bugle</i> out in Penn Place lobby	GIVES collection, Penn Place lobby, 9 am–1 pm
Thurs., Mar. 25	Senior Games and Tea, Town Hall, 1:30–3:30 pm; Land Use Task Force mtg., Town Hall, 8 pm	Sat., Apr. 10 Large item pickup
Mon., Mar. 29	Art at Penn Place: Watercolors by Carol Vorosmarti	Mon., Apr. 12 Town Council meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm
Wed., Mar. 31	Citizens Assoc. meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm; Nominations for Town Council elections; presentation on RainScapes program (see p 4)	Tues., Apr. 13 Lunch Bunch, Town Hall, 12:30 pm; <i>Bugle</i> deadline, 4 pm
Thurs., Apr. 1	Casual Music Jam, Town Hall, 8 pm	Thurs., Apr. 15 Casual Music Jam, Town Hall, 8 pm
Sat., Apr. 3	Last day to register to vote in May elections, Town Office, 8 am–4 pm (see p 3)	Fri., Apr. 23 Film Society, Town Hall, <i>Sullivan's Travels</i> ; dinner, 7 pm; movie, 8 pm (see p 8)
		Wed., Apr. 28 Citizens Assoc. meeting, Town Hall, 8 pm, Candidates' Forum
		Thurs., Apr. 29 Casual Music Jam, Town Hall, 8 pm
		Mon., May 3 Town Elections; Reception with results, Town Hall, evening

Getting Philosophical

By prevailing standards, it was a warm night when the Council met for its monthly session, but Councilmember Schulp still fiddled with the thermostat, and we were grateful for the extra warmth.

The meeting began with Citizens Association President Chris Strong announcing that, in a gesture of gratitude and appreciation for the town crew's work during the snow storm, around 70 Garrett Parkers had contributed enough money for each member of the crew to receive a check "in the four-figure range." Hans Wegner and Jack Mandel expressed thanks to Chris for organizing the donations.

The Mayor then noted that the next Citizens Association meeting was scheduled to conflict with the County Council's Town Hall Meeting for the Kensington/Garrett Park neighborhoods on March 24 (taking place at the Housing Opportunities Commission Office Building, 10400 Detrick Avenue, Kensington, 8 pm; pre-meeting recep-

tion, 7:30 pm). Chris said he'd look into the problem (the Citizens Association later rescheduled its meeting for March 31; see p 4).

Jack also praised the work of John King and his wife, Liz, on the White Flint issue. "John has done a brilliant, well-informed job of representing the town." The town Web site has details and updates on proposed changes.

In his report, the Mayor explained that the school board is asking us for easements so that WSSC can put in a water supply for the new Garrett Park Elementary School construction. Two mature willow oaks on Oxford will have to be removed. The board will pay for the removal and for their replacement by trees of our choice.

The town's acquisition of the Community Center is moving along pretty well. Issues involving the lease and the deed still need to be resolved, but "we see light at the end of the tunnel."

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Mayor Keller attended a recent Mayors' Conference in Annapolis. "We should be getting extra funds because of the snowfall." And "The state has retained its Triple A bond rating. This is very good news. It's absolutely critical to good governance."

The Mayor will soon be out of town for two weeks. During the first week the acting mayor will be Beth Irons; Jack Mandel will be acting mayor for the second week.

The Mayor concluded by thanking the Women's Club, and Pam Morgan in particular, for the terrific new town phone book.

Hans Wegner now talked about a recent meeting of local politicians with Ike Leggett. "Things aren't looking very pretty. The bad news is that property values are down, and there's been a loss of about 13,000 taxpayers from our base."

Hans then reminded everyone of the importance of our all responding to the census. Federal support is tied to the census report.

Beth Irons urged Garrett Parkers to look into wind power for their houses.

Now the meeting turned to the town budget. We'll be getting less money from the state, and as a result, we are deferring some capital improvements.

(The Mayor was impressed with the new format of the budget report. "I think these pie charts are fascinating.")

Much of the next part of the meeting was taken up with Council and citizen inquiries into, and some complaints about, town purchase decisions. It began with Councilmember Schulp asking why we need a new sander. Ted Pratt responded that "operationally it is helpful," and gave a detailed account of its usefulness. A citizen in the audience noted that there's no money in any upcoming budget for sidewalk improvements, even though we've got some dicey sidewalks. "Why are we getting a new truck rather than fixing sidewalks?"

Ted responded that "we try to provide a pretty high level of service. Citizens expect good service."

The discussion then got into the sensitive subject of salaries—administrative and maintenance. In response to some audience members suggesting that the maintenance staff raises seemed high, Hans Wegner said that the effort is to get some members of the staff to a living wage. These exchanges essentially turned the meeting into a social justice discussion. Should all town employees get living wages? "This is getting philosophical," said the Mayor. "Do we want to reduce services in town?"

There was a clear split among audience members between those who believe Garrett Park has an obligation to pay its employees a living wage,

and those for whom this issue is more about priorities and money-saving.

At the conclusion of the meeting, in his Town Administrator's report, Ted said that while we should be getting some reimbursement for snow-related expenses from FEMA, getting money from the agency is "complicated. There will be no windfall, but there will be some help."

As to the larger issue of the budget in its entirety: "Despite the storm, we're okay. We should be able to stay within the contingency fund. All in all, we're pretty much back on track."

Margaret Soltan

Jobs List: Updates and More

With the changing of the seasons comes the changing of the jobs lists. We received our first offers of yard work, so we are again repeating last month's list, with those additions.

If you want your name on one of these lists, or if you have other services to offer (or, say, you're a snow shoveler interested in moving to the yard work list), please call Elizabeth in the Town Office: 301-933-7488. For publication in the next *Bugle*, please provide information by April 13.

Everyone else, please contact the following young folks if you're interested in the services described:

[Listing omitted from *e-Bugle*; please consult the printed *Bugle* or contact the Town Office for referrals: 301-933-7488.]



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Town Administrator Notes

Citizens Association Meeting: Please plan to attend the Citizens Association meeting in the Town Hall on Wednesday, March 31, at 8 pm, when nominations for the May 4 town election will be made. The Mayor and two seats on the Council are up for election this year. Important election dates are posted in the Post Office lobby and on the town’s Web site (www.garrettpark-md.gov).

State Tax Form: This is really important. When filling out your state income tax forms, please remember to write Garrett Park in the box labeled “City, Town or Taxing Area.” This ensures that our community receives its fair share of the income tax revenues that the state distributes to Maryland counties, cities, and towns.

Voter Registration—May Elections: The last day for voter registration for the May 2010 town elections is April 3. If you need a registration form, please pick one up at the Town Office during normal office hours (8 am to 4 pm), the Montgomery County Board of Elections (www.montgomerycountymd.gov), or the Post Office. Noncitizen residents of Garrett Park who are not already on the town’s voters list and who wish to vote in the May election must also register by April 3 at the Town Office. The Town Office will be open from 8 am to noon on two Saturdays, March 27 and April 3, for those who are unable to come in during the week. Absentee ballots may be applied for at any time through April 23 and must be received by the Town Office or the Judges of Election before the polls close at 7:30 pm on Town Election Day.

This Old Truck: The 1993 Chevrolet pickup that has served the town so well is to be declared surplus at the April Council meeting, and the town will be accepting sealed bids from anyone who would like to purchase it. The truck is offered on an as-seen and approved basis, without guarantee of any sort. It will require significant repair. The bids will be opened at noon on Friday, April 16. The truck will be available for the buyer to collect as soon as the replacement truck arrives and is placed in service, we hope by April 16. If you are interested and would like to inspect the truck, please speak to Butch Frost.

FY 2011 Budget: Copies of the proposed fiscal year 2011 budget are available in the Post Office. If those run out, please come by the Town Office for a copy.

Yard Waste Collection: That annual harbinger of spring, weekly yard waste collection, has returned, as it does every March. Yard waste is now collected every Monday through the end of October. Use paper bags for yard waste—no plastic, please!

Storm Debris: If you haul branches too large to bundle for yard waste collection to the curb, butt-end facing the street, the maintenance staff will come by and chip them.

Bamboo cannot be chipped—it jams the chipper and sends out dangerous shards. Please cut it up into 4-foot lengths and either bundle or bag it for regular yard waste collection on Mondays.

Large Item Pickup: There will be a large item pickup on Saturday, April 10.

Walk Smart/Drive Safely. As the weather improves, Garrett Park residents often stroll through the parks and streets to enjoy our beautiful surroundings. Walkers, please remember to be mindful of turning vehicles, wear light colors or reflective clothing to be more visible early and late, and everyone please obey traffic signs, signals, and street crossing markings. Drivers, please yield to pedestrians, observe the posted 20 mph speed limit, and—as usual—be courteous.

Permits: If you are planning to do any construction this spring, please remember that a Garrett Park building permit is required whenever a new structure is to be built, including houses, additions, sheds, garages, decks, porches, and driveways. This is in addition to the required Montgomery County permit. Please call the Town Office for a permit application, copies of the town’s building ordinance (Chapter 4 of the Town Code), and any other information.

Ted Pratt, Town Administrator
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Visit Garrett Park’s Web site:
www.garrettpark-md.gov

Green Again

Thank you to Betty and Daniel Townsend and Ida Sullivan, whose donations were joined to pay for this month’s green. Ida’s is in honor of Paul and Ida’s 50th anniversary, which will be in June.

Anyone else like to get on the list? Please send your contribution to Mary Moyer, Box 98, with a check made out to the Citizens Association. The sponsorship of the green banner now costs \$60, unless you would like to share the honor with a neighbor or two. Many thanks.

Did you pick up your *Bugle* from the box on the table in the P.O.? If you miss getting your copy before the box disappears, you can get one from the Town Office, Peggy Pratt, or me. Just under 250 copies were taken this past month. Since there are 376 houses in Garrett Park, I must assume that you are getting your information off the Web site, which has a redacted version of the printed copy (for privacy reasons, personal phone numbers and e-mail addresses are removed unless explicit permission is granted, as are minor children’s names). Just be sure you keep informed.

The next issue will have statements from the candidates for Mayor and Town Council—a must read, especially if we have a contested election.

Mary Moyer

Citizens Association News

Chris Strong opened the meeting on February 24 by speaking about the tireless efforts of the town maintenance staff—Butch, Frank, and Jose—who worked night and day during the blizzard to keep the streets of Garrett Park plowed and safe. That tremendous effort caused a town resident to suggest that the CA collect donations from town residents to reward this work. The CA had been collecting those donations during the weeks before our meeting and was able to give checks to Butch, Frank, and Jose each above \$1,000. Chris presented those checks to Ted Pratt, who thanked the town on behalf of the crew. Since the date of our meeting, the CA has collected more money, which will be distributed to the maintenance staff later this month.

Chris then introduced Andy Seferlis, who was there to speak about the life and work of his father, Constantine Seferlis, one of the famed master sculptors and carvers of the National Cathedral and a long-time resident of Garrett Park until his death in 2005. Andy shared fascinating photos and stories of his father’s most notable works, including some of the 30 gargoyles he carved for the cathedral, his work on the fountain at Hillwood Museum, the Dupont Circle fountain, a statue of St. Dunstan outside the Smithsonian Castle, and work he did on the Capitol and at the National Shrine. It was evident how much Andy cared for and admired his incredibly talented father, and it was a pleasure to hear his presentation.

Upcoming Meetings. **March 31.** Note date change for the next Citizens Association meeting—Wednesday, March 31, at 8 pm in the Town Hall. This change is to accommodate the Town Hall Meeting the county is holding for the Kensington/Garrett Park neighborhoods on March 24 (see p 1 Council notes for details).

At the March meeting, Pamela Rowe from *RainScapes for Healthy Watersheds—Reducing Pollution One Yard at a Time* will be our guest speaker. Learn about the RainScapes program that assists

county property owners to install projects that reduce stormwater runoff from their land with attractive landscaping solutions. Hear about how the county provides financial and technical assistance with rain garden projects, conservation landscapes, permeable paver retrofits, tree planting projects, and more. We will discuss the Rain-Scapes Rebate program, as well as work being undertaken in specific neighborhoods, including the area of Garrett Park south of Strathmore. Questions can be directed to Pamela Rowe at pamela.rowe@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Also at the March 31 meeting, the Citizens Association will accept nominations for the upcoming May 3 town elections. Three seats are up for election this year: Mayor and two Town Council seats. Please consider running for one of these important positions. If interested, please have someone submit your nomination at this meeting.

April 28. At its April meeting, the Citizens Association will hold the annual Candidates’ Forum. Candidates for Mayor and the two Town Council seats up for election will be on hand to discuss their views on issues important to the citizens of Garrett Park.

Annual Dues. The Citizens Association 2010 annual dues are being collected. The annual dues are \$10 for individuals and \$20 per family. Thank you to all of those who have already paid. For those who have not, please submit dues by mailing them to the Citizens Association at Box 456.

Garrett Park listserv. To join this electronic forum, which allows neighbors to communicate information about town concerns, safety issues, upcoming events, and recommended services, e-mail Todd Harris or sign in at groups.yahoo.com/group/GarrettParkneighbors/join.

Questions or comments for the Citizens Association? If so, please send a note to P.O. Box 456 or e-mail Chris Strong (Chris.s.strong@gmail.com).

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Viola Myers

Viola Myers passed away peacefully at the age of 97½ on Saturday, February 27, surrounded by her family in Exeter, New Hampshire. She was a resident of Garrett Park from 1950 to 1994.

Born in Chicago in 1912, Viola got a degree in economics from the University of Chicago. During World War II, she moved to Washington to work for the Treasury Department. She met and married Henry J. Myers in 1946, and in 1950, they moved to a newly built house on Weymouth Street, designed by Al Richter. Actually, it was the first house on the street. In Garrett Park they found a wonderful community of adults, who were active and engaged in their town and in the world in general. They made many lifelong friends.

During the early years, Viola was active in planning the yearly town bazaar. She was involved in the founding of the Garrett Park Nursery School and was their first treasurer. She was Girl Scout leader for both her daughters and a member of the PTA several years. She was a member of the Women's Club and the Book Club for as long as she lived in Garrett Park. She was

also actively involved in GIVES and the monthly soup dinners, started by Peg Winegarten.

In 1959, she returned to school and became an elementary school librarian. After retirement, she took up ceramics. Henry and Viola were also enthusiastic birdwatchers and bridge players. They traveled extensively, highlights being seeing the wild animals and birds in Africa and on the Galapagos.


Viola was an amazing role model for her daughters and close family. She was always calm and rational, an independent thinker, who met the challenges of her life, including Parkinson's, with strength, patience, and dignity.

It is amazing to think that she lived almost a century. Living that long, she became an institution in our lives and will leave an empty space. But she will live on in all our many memories.

Viola is survived by her daughters, Jessica Albertsen of Silkeborg, Denmark, and Rhoda Capron of Nottingham, New Hampshire; grandchildren Daniel Albertsen, Molly Capron, and Seth Capron; and great-grandchildren Jacob Henry Zisman and Samuel Aaron Zisman.

Jessica Albertsen

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Bugle Notes . . . Sweet and Sour

- Garrett Park Elementary is still accepting used toner cartridges and Box Tops for Education stubs. Please send them into the office. Also, if any hardy souls would be able to help out with field days (April 18 and 19), please let the school know (301-929-2170).
- A nice article about our young chef Mandel and 9 other students in Montgomery County schools is in the latest issue of *Bethesda Magazine*. He is a winner of an Extraordinary Teen Award. (His pose in his photo reminded us of the movie *Ratatouille*!) Congratulations.
- On February 24, Colonel (Retired) John Wilpers received his long overdue Bronze Star for action during World War II. John was instrumental in the capture of Japan’s principal wartime prime minister, Gen. Hideki Tojo, who was later convicted as a war criminal. The award only took 63 years to be presented. Better late than never!
- The latest directory has hit the streets, thanks to the Women’s Club and those in the town and the estates who worked to pull it together. By the time this *Bugle* comes out, every household should have received a copy. If yours didn’t, contact Pam Morgan. Also phone Pam to buy extra copies (available for \$8).
- Some have inquired about the possibility of acquiring an electronic version of the directory. This will not be possible for this edition, because the compilers gave assurances to those supplying their personal informa-

tion that it would be released only on paper. Perhaps next time we can work out a secure (password-protected) way to provide the electronic data.

- The Bronez-Lewis family of Kenilworth thanks the Ratcliffe family for their warmth and hospitality hosting them for two nights during the snowstorm and power outage of 2010. Not only were they generous and extremely supportive, they pulled together an impromptu Superbowl party.

A Snow Poem

Millie Mader offers this original poem, written on the occasion of her being stranded at a cousin’s home in Adelphi on February 27.

’Twas Saturday morn long after the snow
When Millie awoke all ready to go,
And on what should her wondering eyes then alight,
But 2 inches of stuff all fluttering and white?
It covered her car; it covered the trees.
It covered the Beltway but not her knees.
She knew right away she must go out and scrape.
White fluttering stuff has no easy escape.
But she’ll drink more coffee and yell out to Bill
“You know I can scrape and go down the hill!”
Not on the Beltway with cars on the go!
Not twice as fast, but easy and slow.
So come out and see the white fluttering stuff.
I think you’ll agree: we’ve all had enough!

Millie wishes us all a happy springtime!

Join Your Neighbors at the Annual Progressive Dinner, May 22

Please sign up now for this fun annual event!

Note that there are a couple of changes this year: We will not be assembling at the Town Hall for appetizers and dessert. Instead, we will all assemble for appetizers at the Quigley/Andrews home (10701 Keswick Street), and we are planning to have dessert at host houses (we’re hoping for

three host houses that can accommodate about 30 people each). Also, the cost is lower this year—\$5 per person!

We encourage you to host an event, especially if you haven’t done so before. You won’t be sorry! Mail the registration form and payment to Box 494 by Friday, April 30.

I/we would like to participate in the 2010 Progressive Dinner on Saturday, May 22.

Name(s):

Address:

Phone:

Contact e-mail:

Choose your top three preferences from these nine options, indicating first, second, and third choices:

_____ Provide appetizer (for 16 to 20)

_____ Host salad at my house (for 10 to 16)

_____ Host main course at my house (for 8 to 14)

_____ Host vegetarian main at my house (for 10 to 12)

_____ Host dessert at my house (for about 30)

_____ Provide salad (for 12 to 16)

_____ Provide meat main course (for 10 to 12)

_____ Provide vegetarian main course (for 10 to 12)

_____ Provide dessert (for 16 to 20)

Special needs? Please list here: _____

New lower cost! \$5 per person.
Please return form to Garrett Park Progressive Dinner/GP Women’s Club, Box 494, Garrett Park, MD 20896.
Make checks payable to Garrett Park Women’s Club.

Questions? Contact Jean Horan.

Deadline for registration: Friday, April 30, please!

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Letter from the Mayor

This letter departs from my usual last-minute missive and is written well in advance of deadline. During my absence from town, acting mayors will be drawn from the able members of the Town Council. Our Town Council is made up of dedicated, hard-working volunteers... not unlike the many other volunteers who contribute so much to Garrett Park, but with the added responsibility of representing the town in a wide variety of roles and on an extensive range of substantive issues. We are all grateful for the steadfast support and help of the Council as we continue to deal with an unusual number of particularly challenging issues facing the town.

Recently the Council has reacted to fast-breaking developments in connection with the proposed White Flint Sector Plan. With the invaluable help of the White Flint Community Coalition, we have formulated and conveyed our views to the Montgomery County Council as it makes decisions about the long-range development of White Flint. Even though Garrett Park lies outside the formal boundaries of the White Flint Sector Plan, the decisions that the County Council is currently making about White Flint will have significant impact on the town, particularly with respect to traffic congestion on Strathmore Avenue. Hans Wegner has spearheaded the town's participation in the White Flint undertaking, and Jack Mandel has contributed valuable insights and involvement. The Council and I are indebted to the Coalition—and particularly town residents John and Liz King—for the tremendous amount of research and analysis that has helped the town in its consideration of the White Flint Sector Plan, and assisted the town's participation as the Plan has advanced through the Montgomery County Planning Board and the County Council. Our neighbors in Garrett Park Estates and elsewhere have also added mightily to the effort to have citizen views adequately heard during County Council deliberations.

Kudos to the Women's Club, and especially Pam Morgan, for the handsome new Garrett Park

Directory. The directory features a history of the Community Center, with fascinating archival photographs. The potential acquisition by the town of the Garrett Park Community Center—home of the Garrett Park Cooperative Nursery School—is another matter that the Council has tackled with the extraordinary care and attention warranted by the subject. I am grateful to the entire Council for their help—most particularly Beth Irons for her role in consideration of deed issues, together with Chris Petito and Phil Schulp for conducting the lease negotiations—as we address this issue of lasting significance to the town.

The Council is also undertaking its annual consideration of the forthcoming fiscal year's budget. The budget is not merely a mundane financial document for the immediately upcoming fiscal year (important as that is); it also encompasses the planning outlook of the town, particularly in the Capital Budget, and is thus a document that should reflect both the current needs and longer term objectives for the town as a whole. I therefore urge you to click the link "Prospective FY 2011 Budget" on the Current Budget page on the town Web site (www.garrettpark-md.gov/c/397/Current-Budget) and let us know your views. I commend to your particular attention the introductory material written by Town Administrator Ted Pratt. This plain-English narrative of the budget process and the particulars of the proposed FY 2011 budget is a valuable adjunct to residents' understanding of the manner in which we develop the budget and the specifics of this year's proposal vis-à-vis the prior year. I am pleased to report that for FY 2011 we will hold the line on the town property tax rate, notwithstanding significant cuts in other revenue sources. The Council and I have worked with Town Administrator Pratt to fashion a prudent budget that retains town services in a difficult financial environment. We welcome your thoughts and comments.

Chris Keller

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Contact Alison Pearce with any questions.

Another Classic Film in April

On April 23, the GP Film Society presents *Sullivan’s Travels*. Made at the end of the Depression, this Preston Sturges romantic comedy with a social conscience will remind you why the 1930’s and 40’s are considered the Golden Age of Hollywood. Joel McCrea stars as a pampered, Hollywood director of escapist films, who wants to make a “serious” film called *O Brother, Where Art Thou?* (Fun fact: The Coen brothers borrowed this title for a comedy/adventure movie they made in 2000.) He goes on the road as a hobo to find out what life is like for the downtrodden. It isn’t easy, but he eventually gets his wish. Along the way he meets Veronica Lake, an out of work actress, who helps him realize what is really important in his life and work.

A dinner inspired by the film will be served at 7 pm (under \$10/per person). Wine, beer, soda, and bottled water are priced from \$1 to \$5. Nuts and popcorn available for \$1 are free to members with a coupon.

The film will be shown at the Town Hall at 8 pm. Admission is free to members and is \$5 per person or \$10 per family at the door.